

REMARKS

I. Formalities

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that the Advisory Action dated April 26, 2005 is internally inconsistent. For instance, the Advisory Action indicates that claims 4-5, 10, 18-19, 24, 32-33 and 38 have been allowed, and also indicates that claims 7-14, 21-23, 35-37 and 39-42 have been rejected. Applicant assumes that this inconsistency is merely the result of typographical error, and that claim 10 has, in fact, been allowed as indicated.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 8, 2004.

II. Status of the Claims

By the present amendment, claims 7-9, 11-14, 21- 23, 25-28, 35-37 and 39-42 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4-5, 10, 18-19, 24, 32-33 and 38 are all the claims pending in the Application. Claims 7-9, 11-14, 21-23, 35-37 and 39-42 have been rejected.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

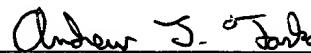
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-5, 10, 18-19, 24, 32-33 and 38 are allowed. Since all the rejected claims 7-9, 11-14, 21-23, 35-37 and 39-42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in a condition for immediate allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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